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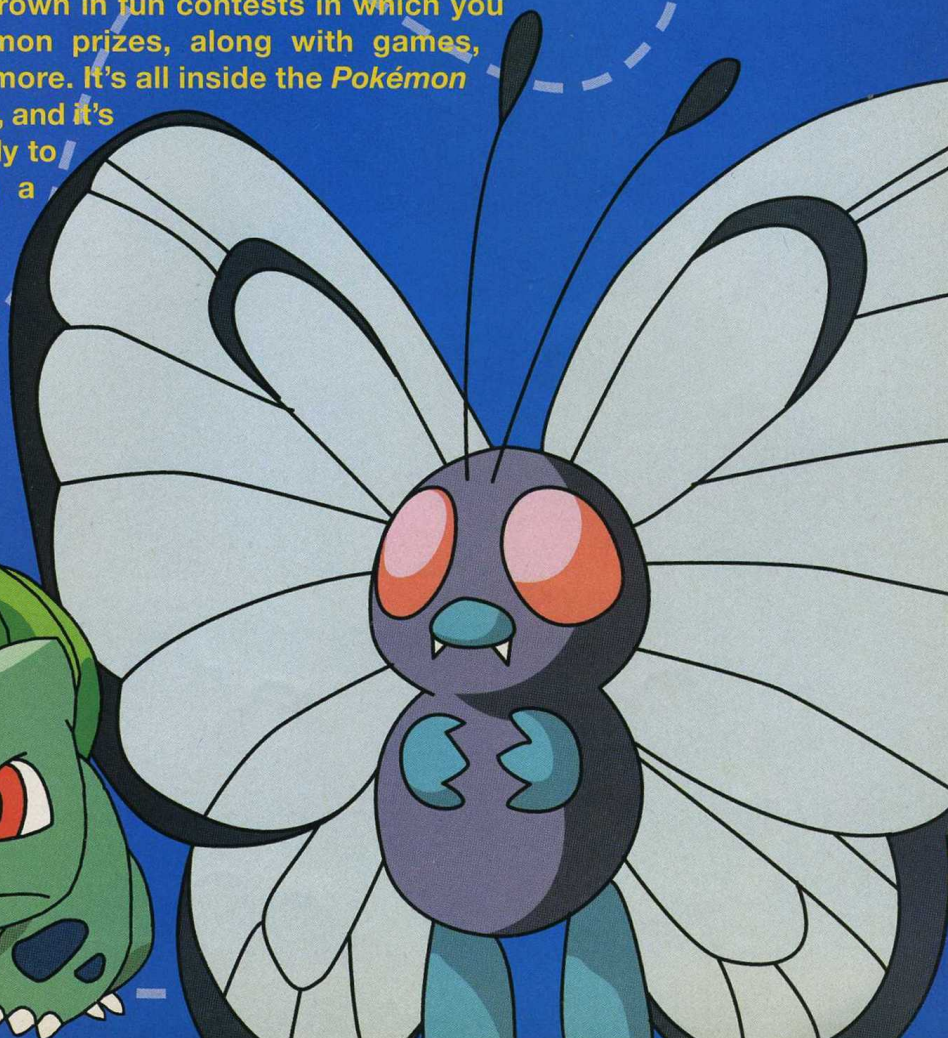
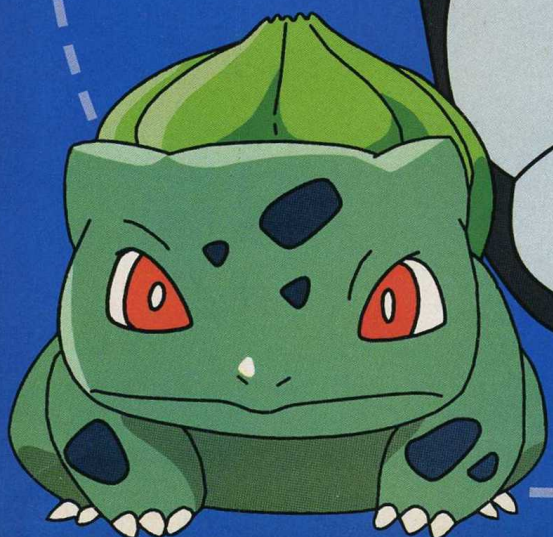
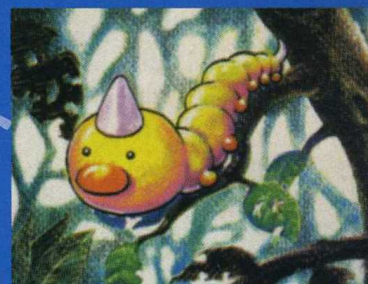
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Pokémon has become one of the biggest worldwide sensations among young people ever. It started in Japan as a video game and has evolved into so much more. Movies, TV shows, spin-offs, action figures and of course cards are popping up everywhere, and we couldn't be happier. It's an exciting time to be a collector of Pokémon, and a trainer, with all the new ways to enjoy these lovable and mysterious characters, with new ones coming out all the time.

In this special issue we present, the *Pokémon Gold Collector's Guide*. Inside you will find the latest news from the world of Pokémon, tips on how to build a winning deck and articles about Pokémon Stadium from Nintendo. We've also included news on the latest Pokémon Gold and Silver characters, as well as picture of you favorite Pokémon characters. Plus, we've thrown in fun contests in which you can win great Pokémon prizes, along with games, quizzes, puzzles and more. It's all inside the *Pokémon Gold Collector's Guide*, and it's all for you, so get ready to enjoy the ultimate in a Pokémon magazine.



It's a Pokémon World



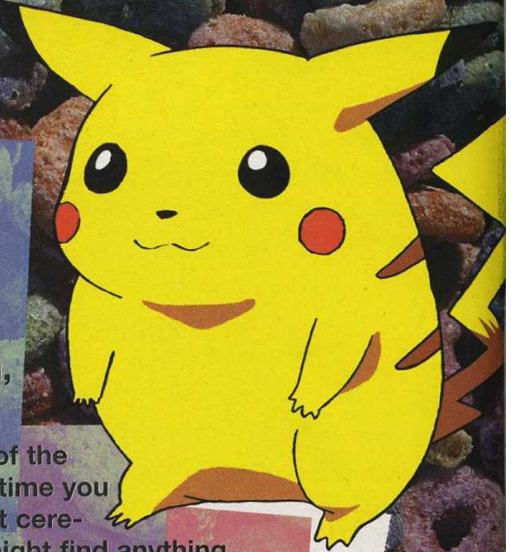
We all know about Pokémon cards, the Pokémon movie and even the Pokémon video games, but now more than ever you can get your fill of these lovable little characters for breakfast, lunch and dinner. By combining two of your favorite activities, eating and collecting, you can have fun all day long.

First off, they say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and now it can be the most fun. Available for a limited time you can get great Pokémon stuff in boxes of Kellogg's breakfast cereals. Inside boxes of specially marked boxes of cereal you might find anything from Pokémon Battle Tops, Metallic Battle Figures and glow-in-the-dark key chains. Kellogg's is also offering special mail in offers like educational CD-ROM's and a Pikachu Pokémon Syrup Holders. And if that isn't enough, there is even more fun to be had with games, prizes and toys, which are offered at the brand new Kellogg's Ultimate Pokémon Master Website.

For lunch, make sure you ask your mom to pickup a box of Kraft Macaroni and Cheese, because they have come out with a lot of cool Pokémon stuff to be collected and played with. There are collector coins, games, puzzles and more. All you have to do is look on the box of these delicious treats, or go to the Kraft website. There is a whole world of Pokémon stuff to be had there, along with lots of fun!

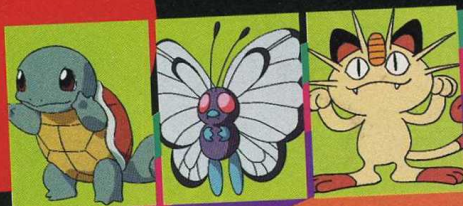
And finally for dinner there is one place you need to go right away—Burger King. Besides having some of the tastiest fast-food you can find, Burger King has been offering a special set of Collectable Pokémon 2000 Power Cards, available for a limited time when you buy a Burger King Big Kids Meal or Kid Meal. There are 24 different cards, and they fit into a special molded activator base that represents the element type of each individual Pokémon. The cards then perform there own special powers like talking, lighting up, glowing in the dark and other cool stuff. Any kid that gets their hands on one of these is surely going to be lucky, and will hold on to these collectors items for a very long time.

So the next time your parents call you to the dinner table, or make you eat your breakfast, let them know how they can make it better for you—by finding food that comes with Pokémon stuff of course!



Join The Masses—

Get **Pokémon Stadium** for your Nintendo 64

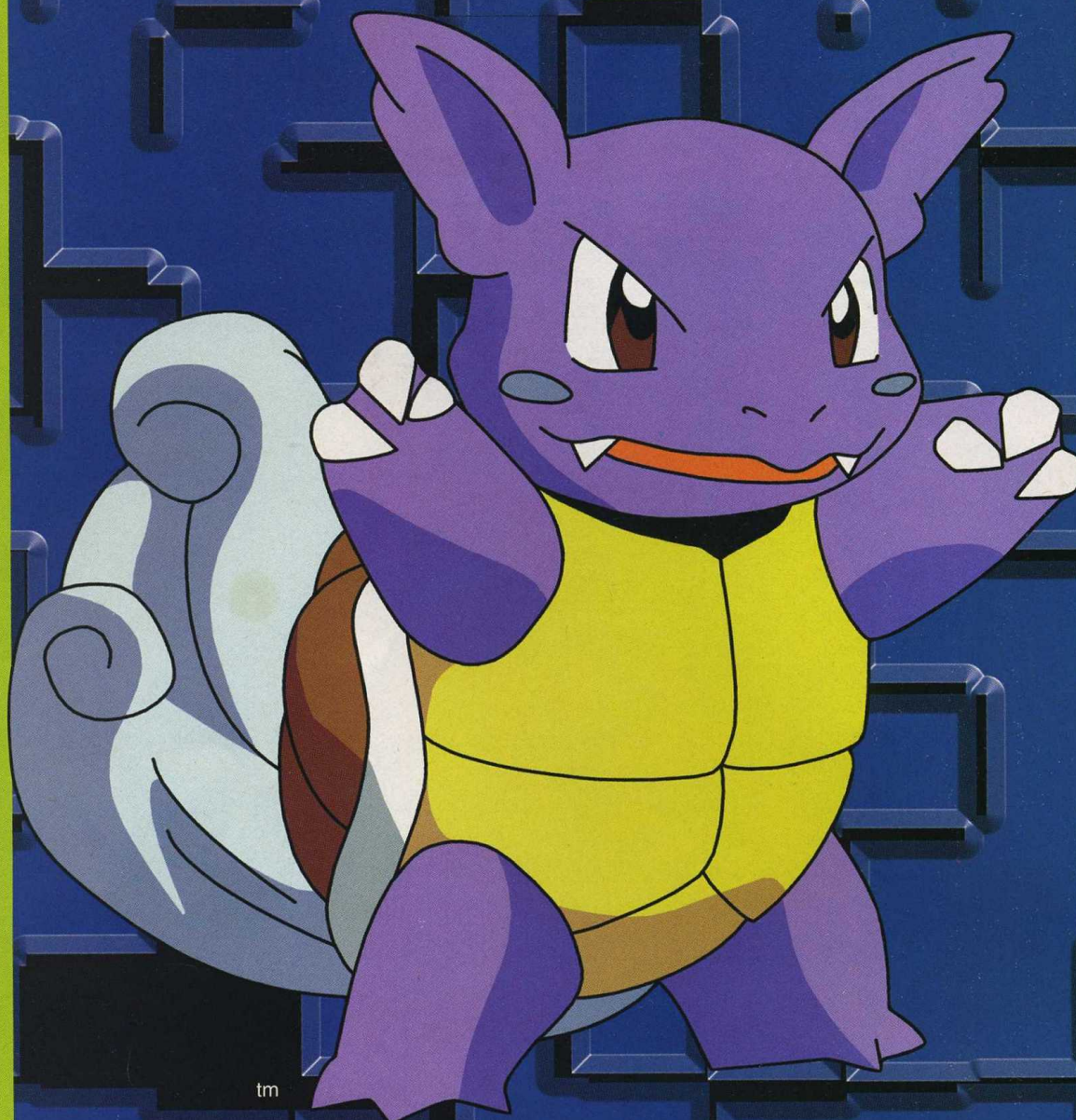


If you haven't gone out and gotten the newly released Pokémon Stadium for Nintendo 64, then you are probably in the minority. This game has become one of the best selling video games ever, and it has only been out for a few months. Already it has sold over a million copies, which shows just how many of you out there love Pokémon, and love to play video games too! It's the second game released by Nintendo featuring Pokémon, following the 1999 release of Pokémon Snap, and the most popular by far.

Pokémon Stadium is an incredible game where you can battle with up to four players all at the same time. Each character has special attacks and fully animated movements, which take battling Pokémon to a new level. This way the truly dedicated trainers can really see all their hard work in action. Besides owning the game, a lot of die-hard Pokémon collectors have opted for the Limited Edition Pokémon Stadium Bundle, which includes an N64 control deck, two controllers, the N64 Transfer Pak, a Pokémon Stadium game Pak, a Battle Guide, Pokémon poster and a Wizards of the Coast Pokémon trading card. Imagine, all that stuff in one pack, plus the fun of playing that awesome game.

Believe us, the game is great and you can tell the guys that created it are really into Pokémon too. It's like watching your favorite characters come alive on the screen, and the fact that you can play it with three of your friends makes it even cooler. There are already people starting tournaments to see who the best players are, and we suggest you holding a tournament of your own with your friends. Keep reading and looking out for one of our upcoming issues, which gives you tips on how to be the best Stadium player in the world, including attack strategies and secret attacks!

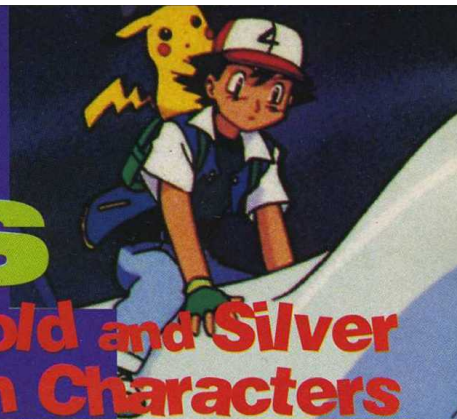




WARTORTLE

Counting the days

for New Gold and Silver
Pokémon Characters



Ho-Oh

Lugia

Chikorita

Cyndaquil

Totodile

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October



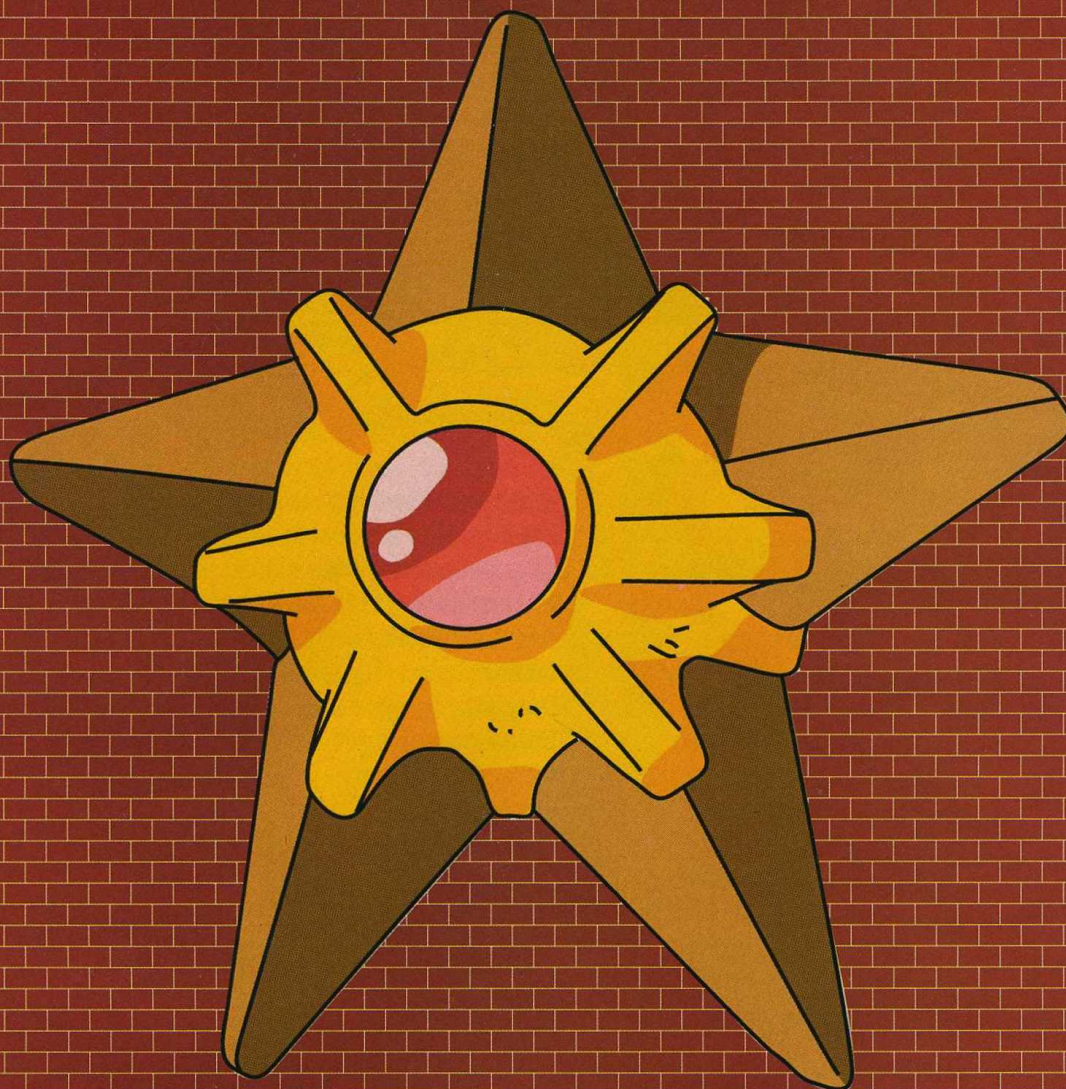
There are over 150 different kinds of Pokémon characters today, each having its own name and special powers, yet the collectors of these crazy critters still can't get enough. It shows just how involved Pokémon collecting has become, and how popular it is around the world. We now have multiple video games about Pokémon, movies, cartoons and action figures. Each time a new product comes out, we can't resist getting it, and would do anything to own everything ever made that has to do with Pokémon. That is why we can't wait until October 16th, when the brand new Pokémon Gold and Pokémon Silver will be made available.

Back in the spring Mr. Ishihara, the creator of Pokémon, unveiled five new Pokémon characters never before seen in the United States. The event was held in California, in front of an audience full of enthusiastic kids that love Pokémon, and each character was announced with its U.S. name, as well as a picture of what they will look like. Since then those characters have become well known among true Pokémon collectors, and the anticipation for the release of the new Pokémon game paks has been building.

The new characters' names are Ho-Oh, Lugia, Chikorita, Cyndaquil and Totodile, and they will prove to be part of the hottest selling games ever sold. The characters look super cool, and we can't wait to get our hands on them. It seems that the creators of Pokémon always know exactly what we want, which is more Pokémon characters to play with. And so it goes that we will get them soon. And before you know what hit you, there will be more, even cooler Pokémon games and characters. Keep your eyes peeled for those new Pokémon Gold and Pokémon Silver game paks, and we will be on the lookout for all the other latest news, and up-coming releases of new Pokémon.



MR MIME



STAR

KNOW THE GAME

Tips on Designing the Ultimate Deck

Building a Pokémon deck is no easy feat. You can't just throw together any old cards and think that you will be able to defeat an opponent. There is a lot of thought and knowledge that goes into building a winning deck, so we thought we would help you get started by giving you some tips to consider when building your ultimate deck.

TIP #1

Make sure you stick to one or two types of Pokémon cards and back them up with the appropriate energy types. A card needs energy to be effective, and the stronger the attack, the more energy is required.

TIP #3

Always make sure you have enough energy cards. It's a delicate balance in any deck between filling it with cool and unusual Pokémon cards, and having enough energy to use them. When in doubt, go with more energy, rather than that extra Pokémon card that you wanted to include, and include an Energy Retrieval. This will open up more options in drawing energy and make room in the long run for more Pokémon or Trainer cards.

TIP #2

Make sure your cards cover each other's weaknesses, and play upon each others strengths. If all of your cards have the same strengths or weaknesses, whatever they may be, you will be an easy target for a more experienced player.

TIP #4

By including Pokémon that have retreat costs of 0, you can save on the cost to retreat early in the game if you have used the wrong active Pokémon.

TIP #5

Consider including a few Pokémon that have a lot of Hit Points. They can come in handy if you are under a strong attack and need to hold the fort while your Pokémon on the bench refresh their energy levels.

These are just a few tips which will come in handy as you gain a superior knowledge of how to construct your own Pokémon deck. Remember to consider these tactics, and a whole lot more when you ready your deck for battle, and use your knowledge, along with your imagination when putting your ultimate winning deck together. There's a whole world of Pokémon out there, so try to learn as much as you can, but remember, the ultimate goal isn't always winning, it's having the most fun!





Pokémon

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On The Web—Top Sites To Surf



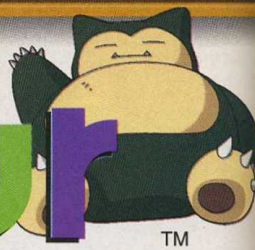
Back in the days before the internet, kids had to play amongst a limited group of friends in their neighborhoods, or at school. It was hard to learn about new products until they came to the place that you lived, or the local mall. Plus you never got to learn all kinds of cool tips and strategies on how to play the video games you had. Today, thanks to the internet, that isn't the case. Pokémon works really well with the net, and is a great place to find out about some of the latest news, and products. Of course, that's what we are here for, but we have to admit, the internet is the next best place to be. So we put together a list of some of the very best places to go on the internet to find out things like new Pokémon and deck building strategies. It is also a place to converse with and learn from other Pokémon fans, and to buy the best and hardest to find Pokémon cards.



SITE NAME

SITE WEB ADDRESS

- #1 Almighty Pojo—The Utmost in Pokémon Wisdomwww.pojocom.com
- #2 The PokéMasters<http://pokemasters.com>
- #3 Pokémon Abodewww.pokemonabode.com
- #4 Pokémon Lovewww.finegame.com
- #5 Universal Pokémon Networkwww.upnetwork.com
- #6 Pokéorder.comwww.pokeorder.com
- #7 Pokémon Villagewww.pokemonvillage.com
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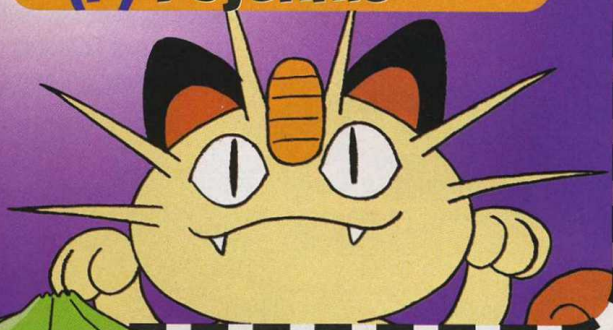
Can you guess the type of each of these Pokémon? Use the type list below and match them to the Pokémon.

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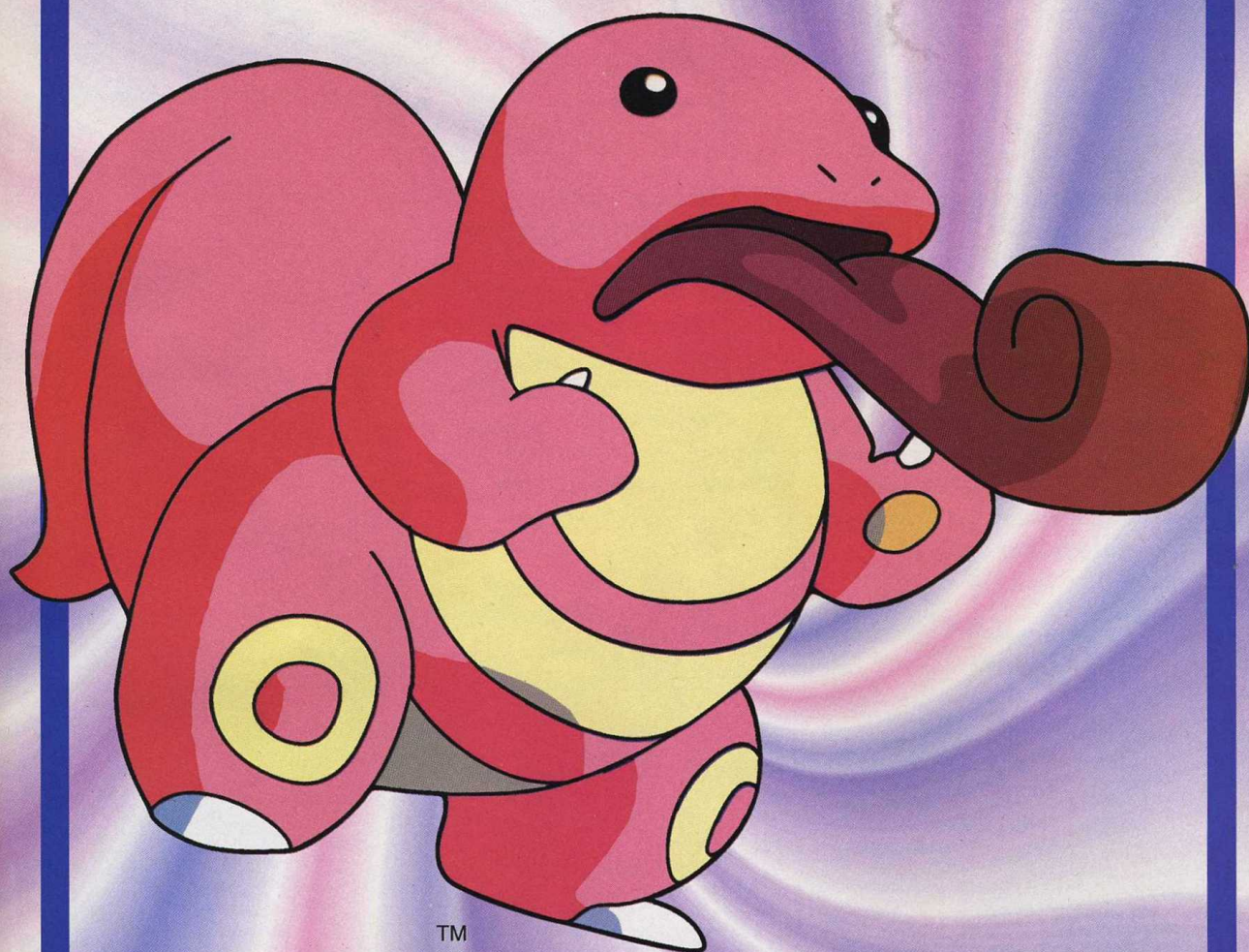
1. Articuno
2. Hypno
3. Magneton
4. Ditto
5. Lapras
6. Golbat
7. Sandslash
8. Graveler
9. Slowpoke
10. Zapdos

Choices:

- (W) Water
- (G) Grass
- (L) Lightning
- (F) Fighting
- (P) Psychic



Answers: 1. (W) 2. (P) 3. (L) 4. (C) 5. (W) 6. (W) 7. (F) 8. (F) 9. (P) 10. (L)



LICKITUNG

Picture Perfect

Contest and artwork

Hi all of you aspiring Pokémon artists. As we told you last issue, each and every month we receive thousands of original pictures that you have drawn of existing or imagined Pokémon. Last issue, we told you that we would begin to select the best submissions of the month and award the winner a complete NINTENDO™ N64 game system. Our judges based their selection on originality and creativity—both for artwork and created powers. Here are the runners-up for this month and the grand prize winner. Think you can do better? Well, we'll keep the contest running. Send us your entry to Picture Perfect Pokémon Contest #2 c/o Fanzine International, 1250 Broadway, Suite 1700, New York, New York 10001. Next month maybe you will win the grand prize. GOOD LUCK!!!



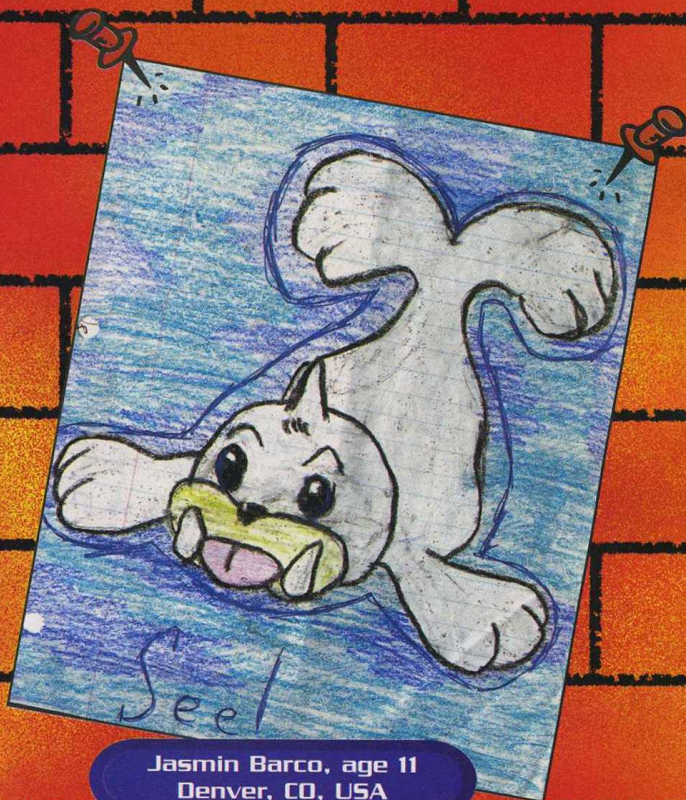
Winner

Giselle Cruz, age 11
Tampa, FL, USA





Adam Daniel Butler, age 12
Surrey, BC, Canada



Jasmin Barco, age 11
Denver, CO, USA



Craig Giltins, age 12
S.W. Wales, UK



David Woods, age 8
N. Ireland



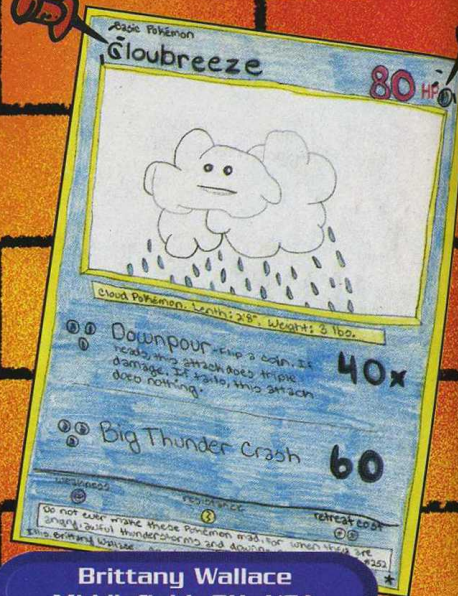
Heather Jakovac, age 10
Pittsburgh, PA, USA



Lindsay McBride
Fairfax, VA, USA



Lorraine Maher, age 9
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Brittany Wallace
Middlefield, OH, USA



Annie Tam
Burnaby, BC, Canada



Barrie Martin
South Wirral, England



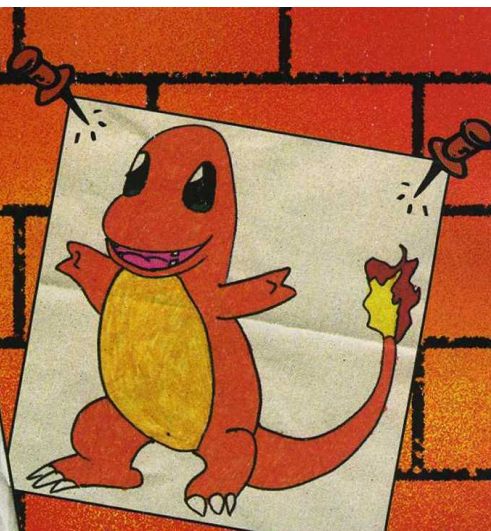
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Southampton, England



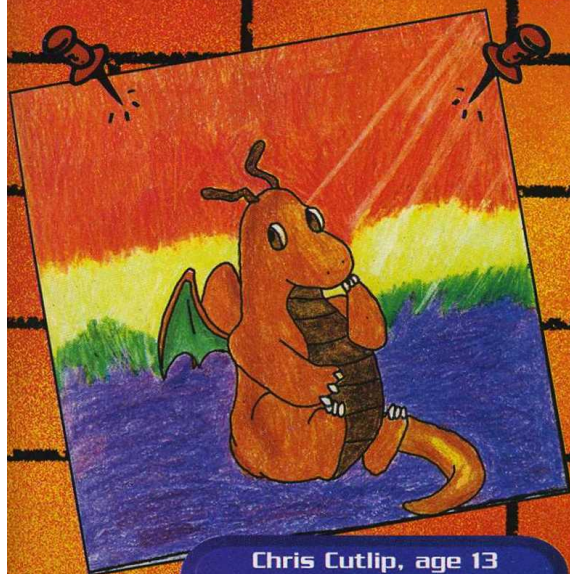
Mandy Woodard, age 12
Canby, OR, USA



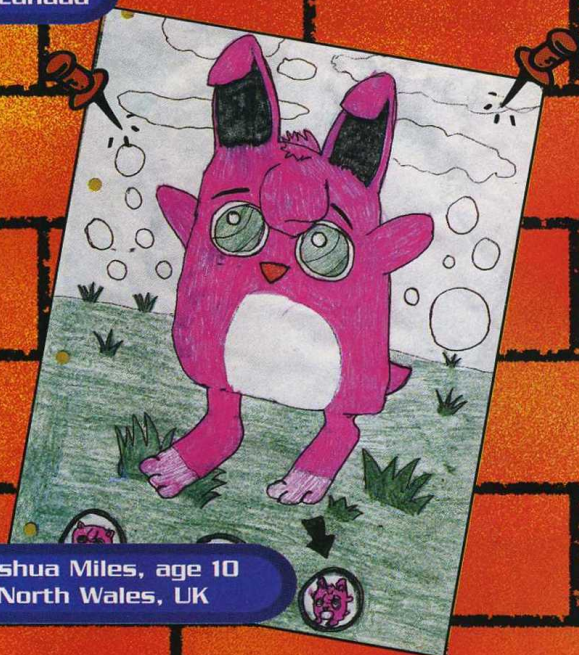
Kevin Mclean, age 12
Balmertown, ON, Canada



Anthony Morris, age 11
Belfast N. Ireland



Chris Cutlip, age 13
Weston, WV, USA



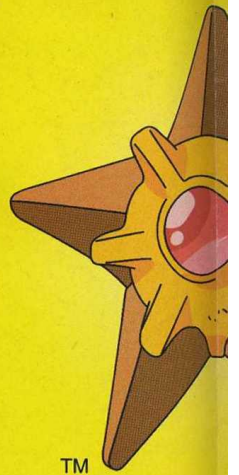
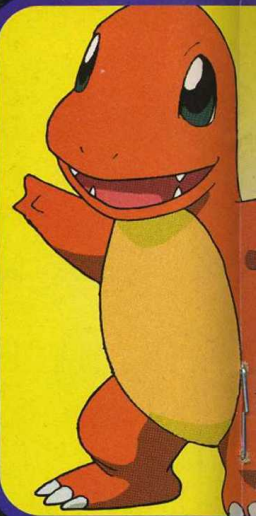
Joshua Miles, age 10
North Wales, UK



Bobbie Jo Heiser Abel
Rothschild, WI, USA



Brydon D. Gemmill
Nepean Ontario, Canada



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CONTEST RULES

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Contest: To enter, send your question, together with your name, address, telephone number and age, to "Stump the Ghostmasters Contest" at the above address. The first reader who poses a question that the Ghostmasters cannot correctly answer will win the grand prize. Prize: One winner will receive a color Gameboy™ game system and a Pokémon gold game with an aggregate approximate retail value of \$150.00.



I'm as smart as the Ghostmasters Contest: To

enter, send your answers to the questions, together with your name, address, telephone number and age, to "I'm as smart as the Ghostmasters Contest" at the above address. Winners will be selected from all correct entries in a random drawing held on or about September 29, 2000 by staff of the Sponsor, whose decisions are final. Prize: One winner will receive a color Gameboy™ game system and a Pokémon gold game with an aggregate approximate retail value of \$150.00. **Ultimate Winning Pokémon**

Deck Contest: To enter, send your word search answers, together with your name, address, telephone number and age, to "Sons of Chansey Word Search Contest" at the above address. Winners will be selected from all correct entries in a random drawing held on or about September 29, 2000 by staff of the Sponsor, whose decisions are final. Prize: One win-

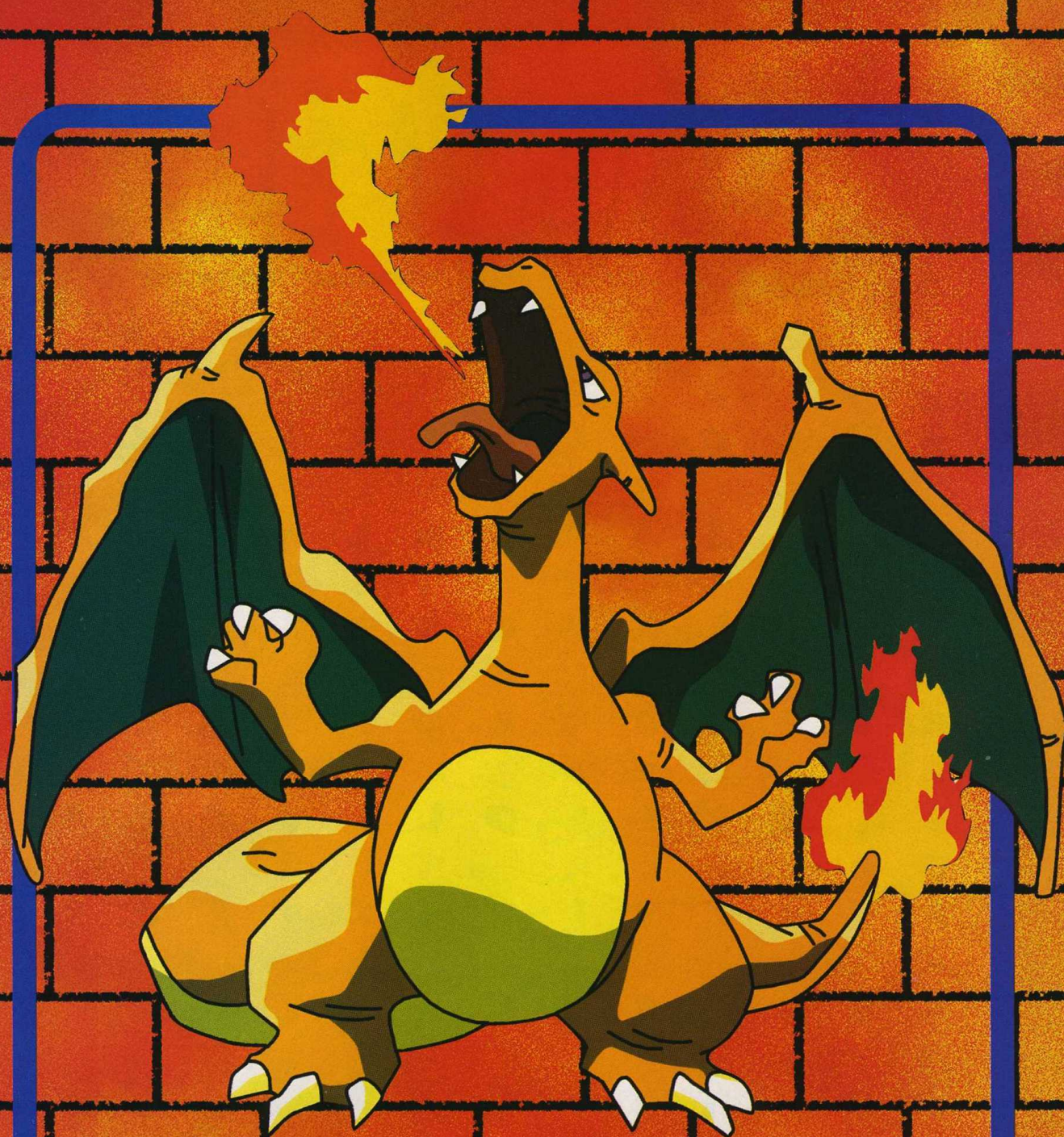
ner will receive one deck of cards containing all of the cards constituting the Ghostmaster's Sons of Chansey Deck, with an aggregate approximate retail value of \$235.95. **Picture Perfect Pokémon**

Contest: To enter, send your drawing of an original Pokémon, with its name and powers described, together with your name, address, telephone number and age, to

"Picture Perfect Pokémon Contest" at the above address. Winners will be selected from all correct entries in a random drawing held on or about September 29, 2000 by staff of the Sponsor, whose decisions are final. Prize: One winner will receive a color Gameboy™ game system and a Pokémon gold game with an aggregate approximate retail value of \$150.00. **Pokémon Promo Card Contest:** To enter,

send your answer, together with your name, address, telephone number and age, to "Pokémon Promo Card Contest" at the above address. The first entirely correct entry (as determined by Sponsor, whose decision is final) will win the grand prize. Prize: One winner will receive a Nintendo™ N64 game system and a 25" television, with an aggregate approximate retail value of \$550.00. **Pokémon Stadium Contest:** To

enter, send your answers, together with your name, address, telephone number and age, to "Pokémon Stadium Contest" at the above address. Five winners will be selected from all correct entries in a random drawing held on or about September 29, 2000 by staff of the Sponsor, whose decisions are final. Prize: Five winners will each receive the game system of their choice, with an aggregate approximate retail value of \$180.00.



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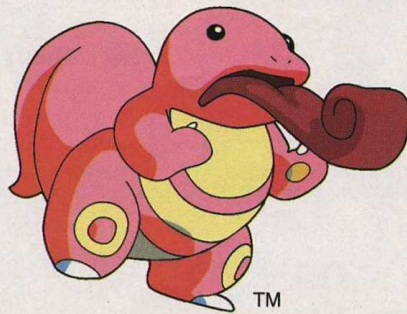
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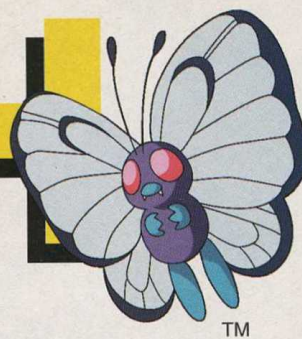


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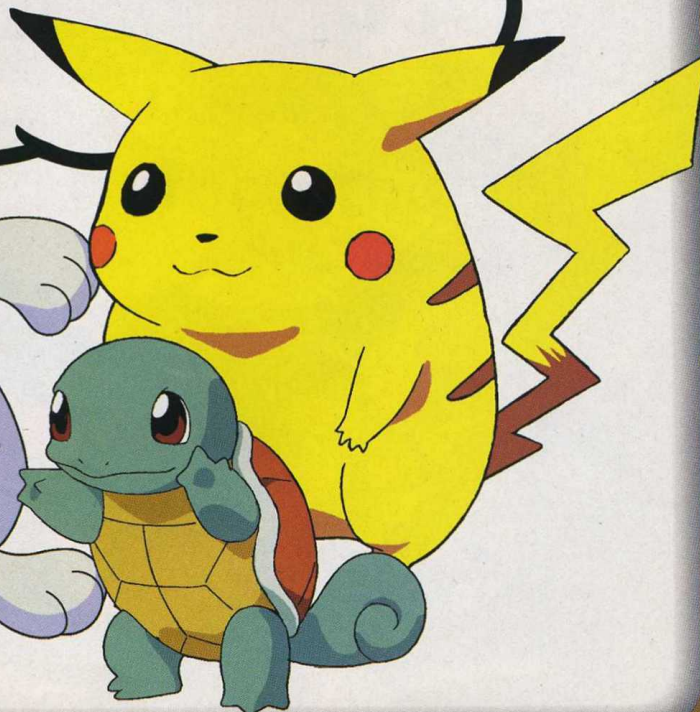
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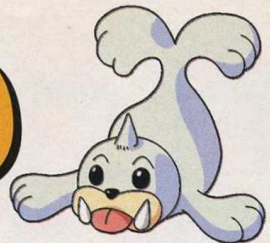
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WORD SCRAMBLE

see if you can unscramble these
pokémon characters and put them
back in their correct word order.

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2. seyhanc -----
3. sagtyl -----
4. mpkoen -----
5. manikiu -----
6. megoton -----



ANSWERS:

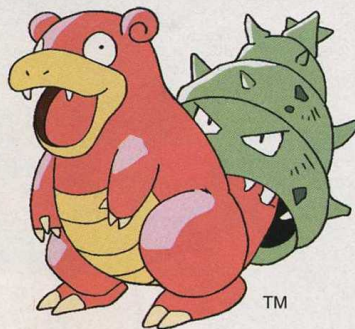
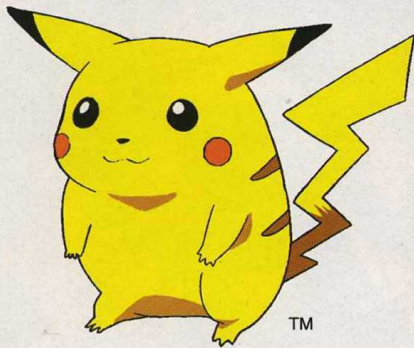
1. Mewtwo
2. Chansey
3. Gastly
4. Pokémon
5. Imakuni
6. Togekiss



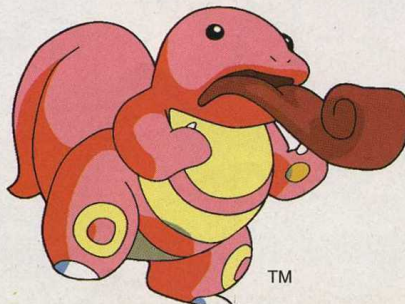
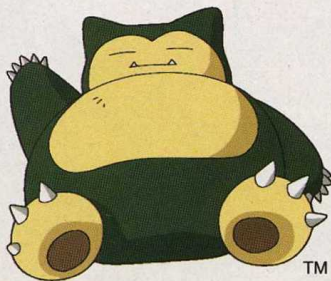
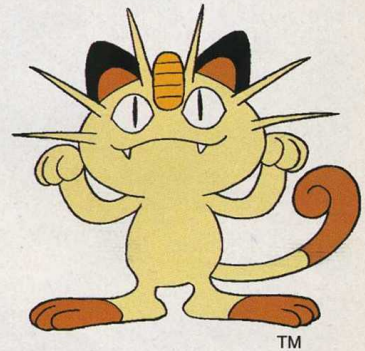
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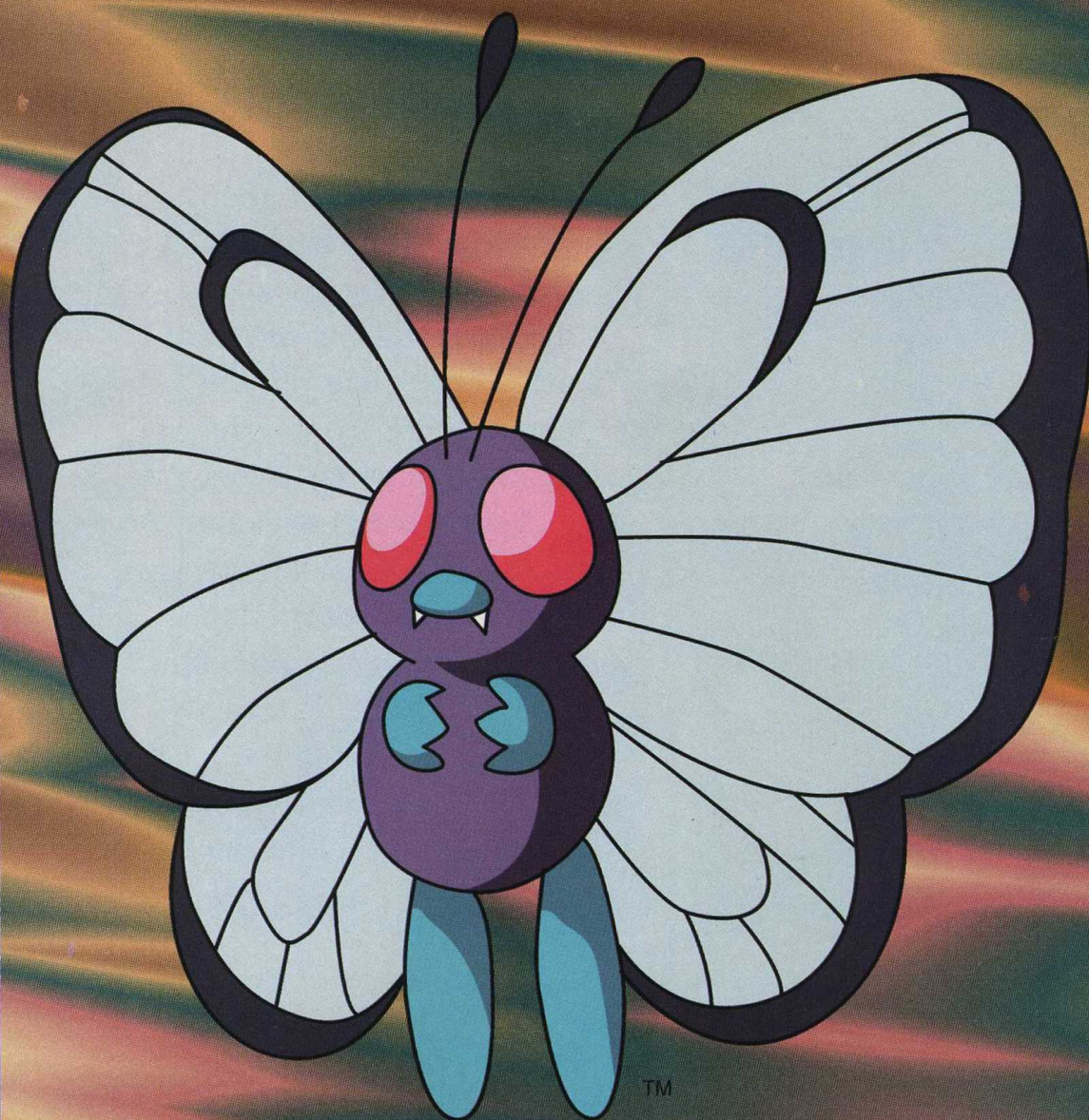
MATCH THE POKÉMON TO THEIR PICTURE

Match the characters names with the pictures
and see how well you know your Pokémon.



GENGER
SNORLAX
RAICHU
PIKACHU
LICKITUNG
MEOWTH





BUTTERFREE

Pokémon Crossword



CONTEST

In a recent issue, we did a crossword puzzle that many of you said you really liked. Well, if you liked that one, then you'll just love this new puzzle. That's because this time you will win an awesome prize if you can figure out the answers to all the clues.

Below are the clues to the puzzle. There are 4 clues going down and 4 going across. Just figure out the answers to each clue and put them into the puzzle on the following page. Then send either the puzzle or a copy of the puzzle with all the answers filled in to us as:



**Pokémon Crossword
Puzzle Contest
c/o Fanzine International
1250 Broadway
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New York, NY 10001**

One entry out of all the correct ones will be chosen at random to win the Grand Prize—a Game Shark for Game Boy adapter. Good luck!

Puzzle

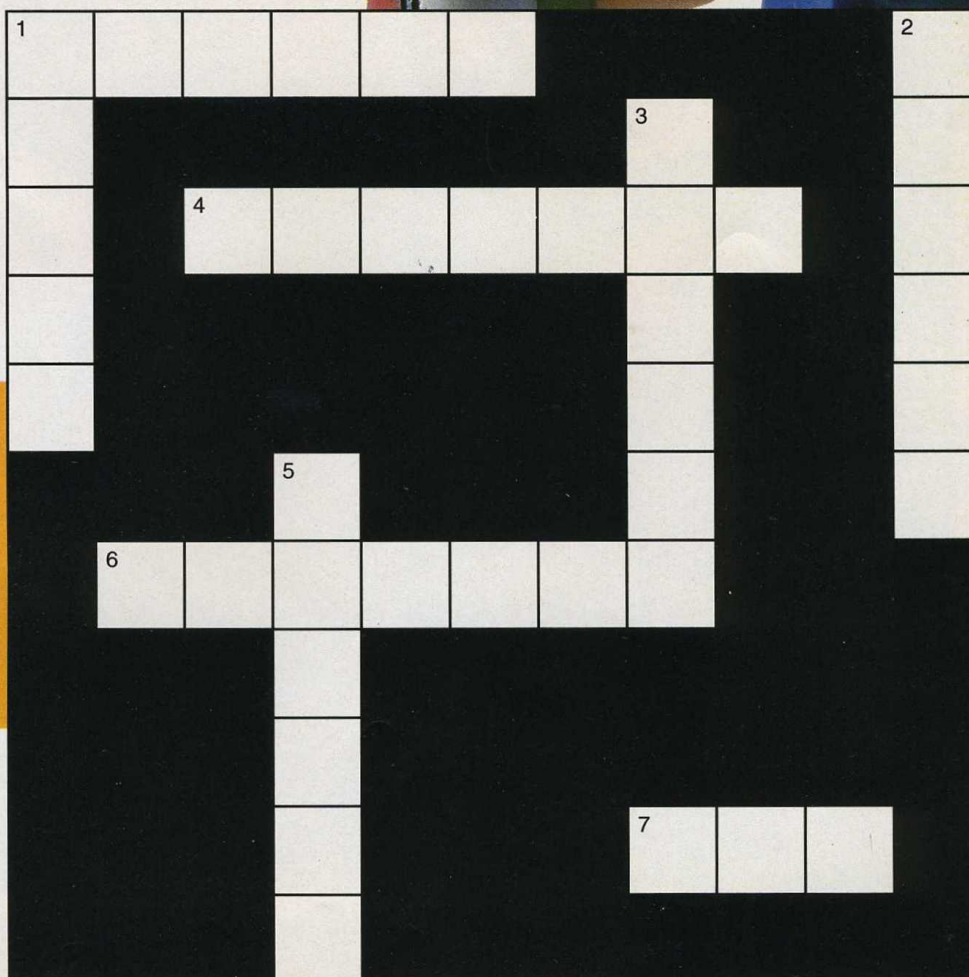
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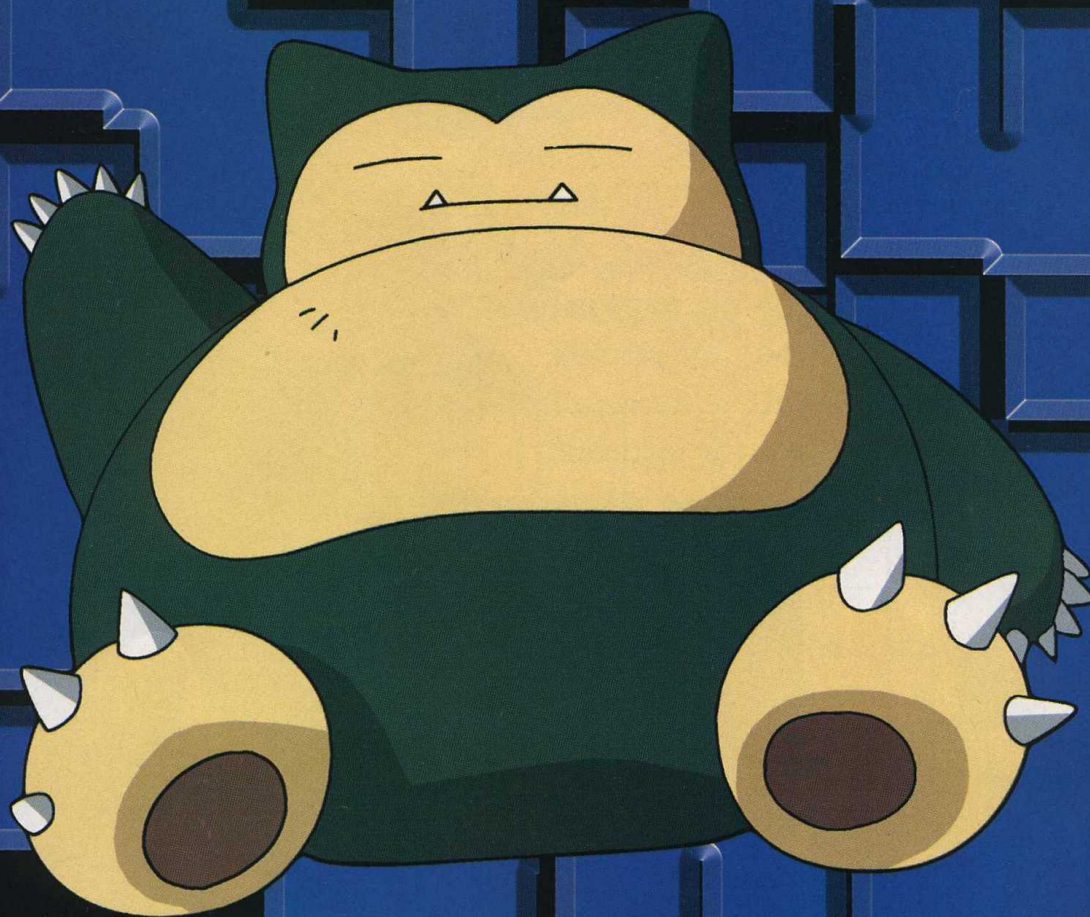
Across

- 1) Who is Pokémon #13? _____
- 4) The hot new Pokémon N64 game; also a place to see a sport team play: _____
- 6) This Pokémon weighs more than 1000 pounds: _____
- 7) Who evolves from Grimer: _____

Down

- 1) The beautiful girl that Ash has a crush on is: _____
- 2) This Pokémon (#122) can't talk: _____
- 3) This Pokémon (#37) evolves into Ninetales: _____
- 4) The evil Pokémon who are always causing trouble are the team _____





SNORLAX

Know Your Pokémon

Here is a list of Pokémon that are extra cool because they evolve. Can you match the Pokémon to the character that they evolve to?

- Pokémon:**
1. Metapod
 2. Charmeleon
 3. Squirtle
 4. Bunasaur
 5. Gastly
 6. Kadabra

Evolve into:

1. Butterfree
2. Charizard
3. Wartortle
4. Ivysaur
5. Haunter
6. Alakazam





POKÉMON



1. Which of these is not one of the basic decks?

- a. Evolution Decks
- b. Challenge Decks
- c. Stall Decks
- d. Energy Draw Decks



Do you know all there is about Pokémon? Test your knowledge to see if you are a Pokémon expert.

2. This pop star contributed a song to the soundtrack for the Pokémon movie.

- a. Britney Spears
- b. Christina Aguilera
- c. Mandy Moore
- d. Vitamin C



3. There are this many types of Pokémon characters.

- a. Over 50
- b. Over 100
- c. Over 150
- d. Over 500



4. Which powerful Pokémon does Haunter evolve into?

- a. Gengar
- b. Chasey
- c. Gastly
- d. Mewtwo

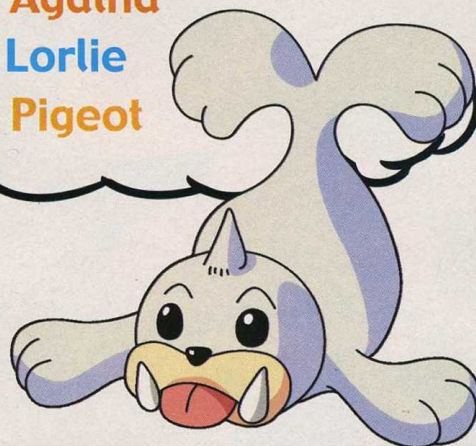


QUIZ



5. Which of these are not in the Elite Four?

- a. Bruno
- b. Agatha
- c. Lorie
- d. Pigeot



6. Which of these is a Pokémon from the new Pokémon gold cards?

- a. Voltrob
- b. Fearow
- c. Donfan
- d. Pidgey



7. Pokémon began when these lovable little characters were released as part of a Nintendo game for Gamboy. What year was that?

- a. 1993
- b. 1995
- c. 1996
- d. 1998



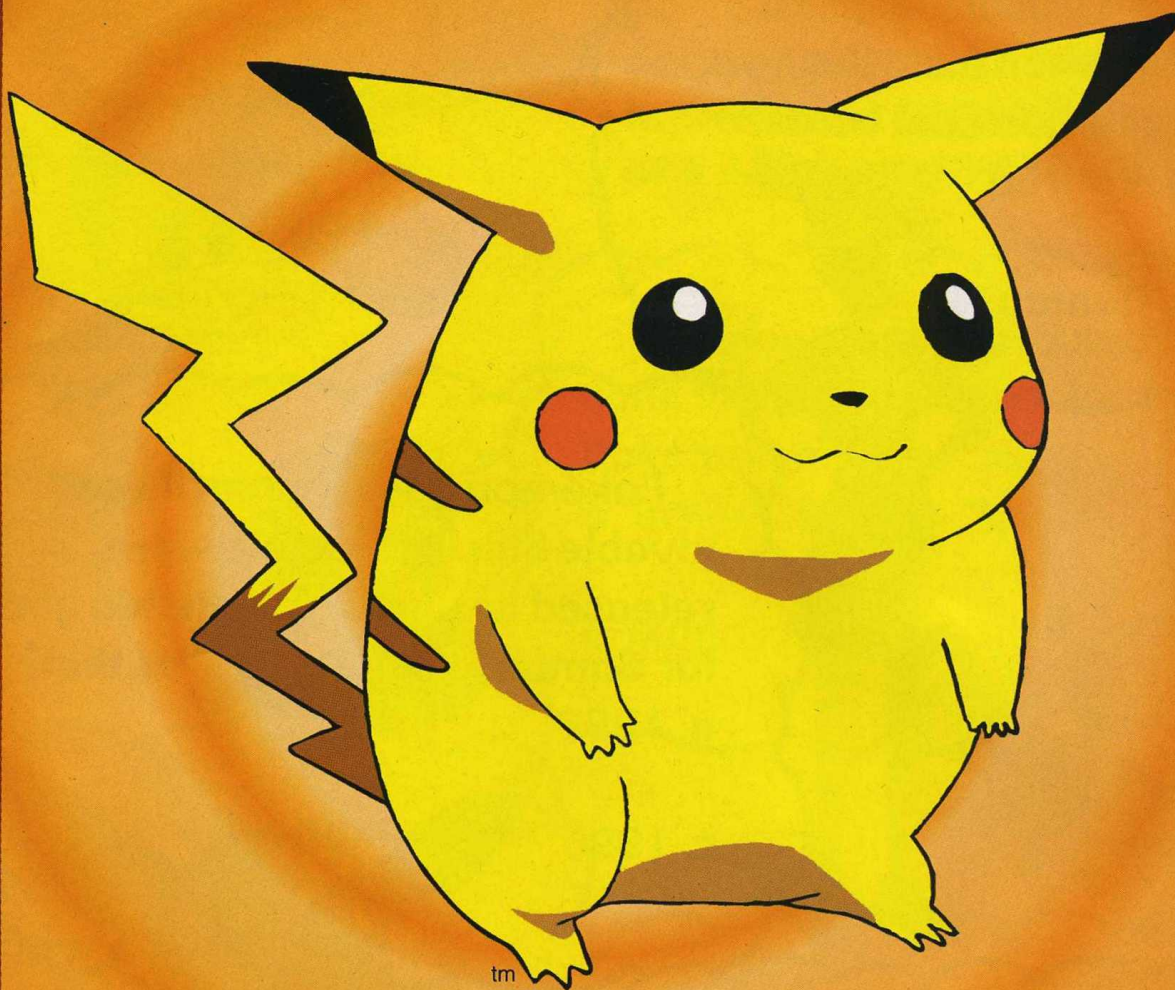
8. When fighting Lance of the Elite Four, which type of Pokémon works best?

- a. Ice
- b. Psychic
- c. Fire
- d. Ghost



ANSWER KEY:

1.b 2.b 3.c 4.a 5.d 6.c 7.b 8.a



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CHARMELEON

